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## NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401



March 1, 1976

Mr Victor Stello, Director  
Division of Operating Reactors  
U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr Stello:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Establishment of Drywell-Torus Pressure Differential

In accordance with discussions with the NRR staff on February 26, 1976, Northern States Power Company will initiate measures to enhance the safety margins for the Monticello Plant Mark I Containment System by establishment of a differential pressure of at least 1 psi between the drywell atmosphere and the torus when the unit is in operation.

The Monticello Plant has been out of service since February 19, 1976 for maintenance. Access for inspection and maintenance has precluded establishment of containment and inerting conditions to operationally demonstrate the proposed measures. These procedures will be initiated when the required containment and inerting conditions have been established for unit restart, which is expected to take place later today. We will continue to maintain the 1 psi drywell-torus differential by these interim operating procedures until other appropriate measures have been instituted.

Yours very truly,

L O Mayer, PE  
Manager of Nuclear Support Services

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cc: J G Keppler  
G Charnoff  
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Attn: J W Ferman

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LETTER DATED MARCH 1, 1976  
RESPONDING TO NRC REQUESTS  
FOR INFORMATION ON CONTAINMENT DESIGN

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, by this letter dated March 1, 1976, hereby submits information in response to NRC requests for information concerning the Mark I Containment.

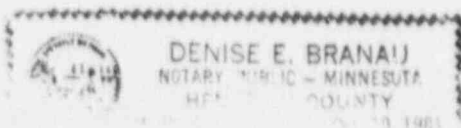
This request contains no restricted or other defense information.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

By *L. J. Wachter*  
L J Wachter  
Vice President, Power Production  
& System Operation

On this 1st day of March, 1976, before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared L J Wachter, Vice President, Power Production and System Operation, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof and that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

*Denise E. Branaugh*



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